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## My Fair Physicist

Many physics teachers are familiar with the sequential NSF summer physics institutes offered at Purdue University under the direction of Ralph W. Lefler. It is a "tradtion" that each graduating class presents a short skit for the final dinner of the summer. We are pleased to present some of the song hits from "My Fair Physicist," produced at Purdue in 1965. The lyrics are by Robert Lillich, on leave from Solon High School and now in the Kent State University Graduate Program.

*Let a Teacher in Your Life*
(Tune: "Let a Woman in Your Life.")

I'm a very modest prof, who desires nothing more
Than thirty bowing undergrads,
And adulation, admiration, high regard for
what I say,
A modest prof am I, who teaches at his whim,
Who wants to live his life, free of strife,
Teaching whatever is easiest for him,
Just an ordinary prof.

But let a teacher in your life,
And your serenity is through.
He'll say homework is too rough
And the tests are all too tough,
If the curves aren't all soon rising,
He starts criticizing, YOU.
Oh, let a teacher in your life,
And you are up against a wall!
Someone's late for every class,
Some will heckle, some will sass,
But you mustn't show your anger,
'Cause the man from NSF is in the hall.

You want to talk of Planck or Einstein,
He only wants to talk of Watt.
You show momentum is uncertain,
He wonders, "Will it hurt my putt?"
Oh, let a teacher in your life,
And you invite eternal strife.
Let them play with rubber bands, wooden carts
and ripple stands,
I'd be equally as willing for a dentist to be drilling
Than to ever let a teacher in my life!

*A Prof's Scoff*

Why can't a teacher be more like a prof?
Profs are so honest, so thoroughly square,
Eternally noble, historically fair,
Who understand the sodium atom level scheme,
Why can't a teacher be like that?

Why does every teacher hate the Landé g?
Can't a teacher learn to psi (sigh) not psi (PSEE)?
Why must I do every proof in "Modern" math?
Why don't they prove things relativistically?

Why can't a teacher take after a prof?
Profs are so thoughtful, all tops in their field,
Incessantly striving to increase their yield.
Would you be irate if I wrinkled up the plastic?
Would you be laughing if I spilled a drop or two?
Would you be angry if I said, "It's obvious?"
Why can't teachers be like you?

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